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SUBJECT: MAP EXCHANGE

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1. WE UNDERSTAND YOUR DESIRE TO TURN OVER MAPS TO THE GON
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT FEEL THAT RELEASING MAPS TO NEPAL
BEFORE WE REACH AGREEMENT WITH THE GOI COULD ENDANGER
PROSPECTS OF REESTABLISHING INDO-US MAP EXCHANGE.
REASON IS THAT CLASSIFIED MAPS PRODUCED BY THE SURVEY OF
INDIA WERE USED TO PREPARE THE NEPAL (AND INDIA) JOG MAP
SERIES.

2. BECAUSE TIMING INVOLVED IN REOPENING EXCHANGE WITH
INDIA IS UNCERTAIN (PARA 1 REF 2), WE FEEL PROMISING MAPS
TO NEPAL NOW FOR DELIVERY LATER THIS YEAR COULD CREATE
PROBLEMS IF NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOI GET BOGGED DOWN.
HOWEVER, YOU MIGHT WISH TO TELL NEPALESE THAT WE HOPE TO
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GIVE THEM MAPS WITHOUT GETTING INTO SPECIFICS OF TIMING OR

MENTIONING JOGS. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO COX RETURNING TO NEPAL AT LATER DATE FOR FEW DAYS TO TURN OVER JOGS TO GON.

3. REFERENCE IN PARA 1, REF 1 TO REMOVAL OF ALL USG MARKINGS REFERRED TO REMOVAL OF MARKINGS ONLY FROM SINO-INDIAN BORDER SHEETS. HOWEVER WE HAVE DECIDED TO TREAT SINO-NEPALESE BORDER SHEETS IN SAME WAY BECAUSE TWO OF THE MAPS WE PROPOSE TO GIVE TO THE GON SHOW PART OF THE

SINO-INDIAN BORDER. MAP SHEETS SOUTH OF THE BORDER WILL HAVE USG MARKINGS. ALL SHEETS WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED. RUSH

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